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School cracks down on alcohol policy

Student groups forced to buy overpriced liquor from BOC

By Micheal O'Brien, 1L
News Editor

"I'm happy that we are now in compliance with University policy." So said Lisa DiLuna, Dean of Students at the Law School, in reference to the alcohol policy of B.C. that has recently been the subject of much confusion. For law students and organizations that hold functions where alcohol is provided, this compliance amounts to a difference in the planning required for such functions, and higher costs for the alcohol that will be served.

Students who have heard of "changes in the alcohol policy" should take note that the written policy concerning alcohol has not been formally amended.

David Early, Director of the Bureau of Conferences (the B.O.C.) stated that "there has been no change in the alcohol policy." Rather, the only change that has taken place is one of communication between the B.O.C. and entities (specifically, the Law School) that have not acted in accor-



Student organizations may no longer purchase alcohol at liquor stores.

dance with the policy.

"I do not want to give the impression that we have been flouting the policy," said Dean DiLuna. However, "there has been a question of whether the Law School

is subject to the same rules." "When I came here nine years ago," she continued, "I inherited the practice," which has governed the use of alcohol for the last several years.

For students organizing functions, the custom practiced in past years was one of great convenience. Organizers needed only to present a request for alcohol-serving privileges which Dean DiLuna would authorize, allowing the students to purchase alcohol at the liquor store of their liking. Within the "new" system, students must present a request 12 business days prior to the event, which, when authorized, allow organizers the opportunity to purchase the alcohol from Dining Services at B.C.

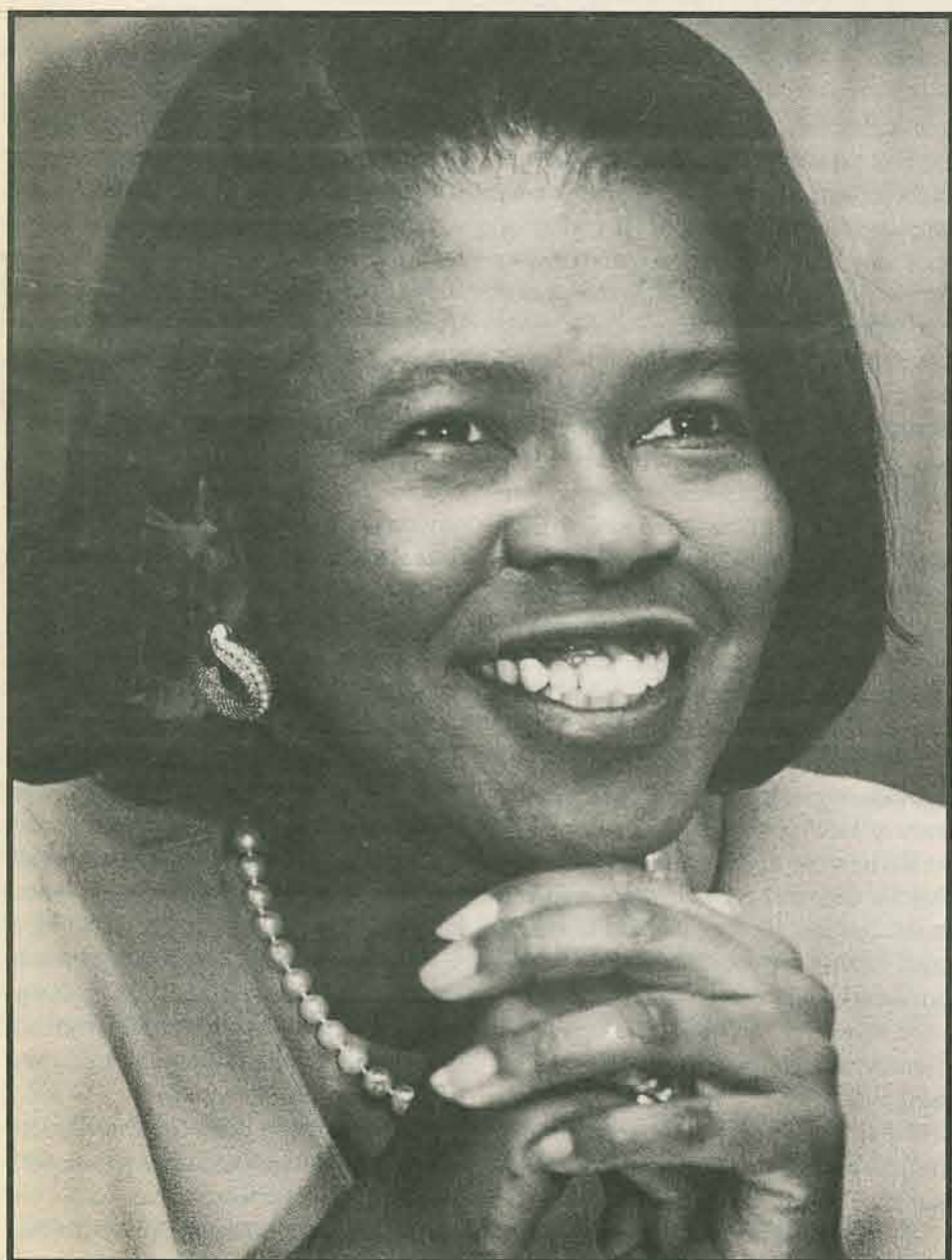
Dining Services possesses one of two liquor licenses affiliated with Boston College. (The Alumni Association holds the other.) The *Alledger* tried to contact Pat Bando, Director of Dining Services, to discern the difference in cost and selection between alcohol available there and at other locations within the city, but she was unavailable for comment.

"I'm worried that it will cost the students more money," noted DiLuna. "But,

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Wilkerson speaks at Barat

Describes legal career path as a single mother



Massachusetts Senator, and B.C. Alumnus, Diane Wilkerson.

By Mike DiChiara, 2L
Alledger Staff

On Wednesday, September 20th, Massachusetts Senator (and Boston College Law School alumnus) Diane Wilkerson captivated her audience during her talk at a Career Services/Public Interest Law Foundation reception in Barat House. Wilkerson, who is the only African-American to serve as a Massachusetts senator in the history of the Commonwealth, spoke about her career path which she started while she was raising two children as a single parent while attending law school, which took her through stints as a clerk in the Massachusetts Appeals Court, deputy counsel for the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, deputy counsel for then-governor of Massachusetts Michael Dukakis, and has ended, at least for now, in the Massachusetts State Senate. Throughout her career, Wilkerson has been a strong advocate for under-represented populations, and she has always been strong in her convictions.

Wilkerson spoke of the many challenges she faces in the senate in her attempt to provide the most aid to marginalized populations. "I used to think that law was the most racist, sexist, and homophobic profession," Wilkerson said at the reception, "but that was before I entered the Massachusetts Senate." One of Wilkerson's proudest accomplishments was enabling a fair housing act, which had

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NEW ADDITIONS

Pamela Smith at BCLS: 'So far, so good'

New professor fulfilling teaching dream, adjusting to Boston

By Brian E. Falvey
Editor-in-Chief

If you enjoyed games like Dungeons and Dragons during your childhood, then you would appreciate trying to find Pamela Smith's office. As you traverse the dimly lit halls of the fifth floor of Stuart, you know that you are in the right place, but you can't help but second-guess yourself when her office is nowhere to be found. Well, after days of searching, I finally found it, and it was worth the effort.

"I love this office," she said. "It's hidden, but we have lots of amenities that other faculty don't have," referring to the suite-like area including a private bathroom, coffee maker, printer and copy machine she shares with Professor Ingrid Hillinger and the U.C.C. Reporter-Digest staff. Her positive attitude seems to pervade much of what Pamela Smith does.

Although born the fourth-youngest of nine children on an American Air Force base in Tripoli, Libya, Professor Smith is "from" Chicago. She is an outgoing, permanently-smiling woman that definitely likes to laugh. She graduated from Tulane Law School in 1992, where she said, "most of the Constitutional Law professors don't sleep with their students," joking about the reputation John Grisham's novel, *The Pelican Brief*, has given her alma mater.

Prior to law, school Professor Smith received her master's degree from the University of St. Thomas. Gee, that must have been tough "studying" in the sun, right? Wrong. Different St. Thomas. "Picture snow and ice, winter carnival, and things like that," she laughed. She actually attended the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota—a far cry from a tropical island. Before that, Professor Smith received her undergraduate degree from Devry Institute of Technology, giving rise to her first career in computer science.

"I spent five years as a computer programmer and database analyst," she

said, before going to law school. Ironically, it was an event during this career that pointed her towards the law. Representing her co-workers to management at a former job, she often found herself acting as an advocate, most often for pay.

"It got really hot one day and I was telling management, 'These people need their money; they need their money,'" she said, banging one fist against an open palm, "and the manager turned to me and said, 'You know, you sound like an attorney; you ought to go to law school.'" When she realized she could combine both careers, particularly through the field of intellectual property, she decided to go.

After law school, Professor Smith clerked for a year for the Honorable Robert H. McWilliams on the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, an experience she will never forget. "It was nice having that mentoring that will carry me through most of my life," she said, referring specifically to how much it helped her at Thompson and Knight, her law firm in Dallas, Texas.

At Thompson and Knight, professor Smith pursued her intellectual property interests primarily as a litigator. "I wanted the opportunity to do intellectual property, but I wasn't really ready to be a patent attorney." She knew then that she had to pursue one of her inner desires: teaching. "I enjoyed practice. Loved it. But, I think I'm going to enjoy [teaching] more," she said with enthusiasm.

Professor Smith's teaching impetus



Professor Pamela Smith.

began during her second year of law school after tutoring fellow students and teaching first-year students how to outline seminars and get by their first year of law school. "I really enjoyed that relationship," she said, "because I think that when you are teaching someone something new, it's just wonderful when that light goes on in their eyes when they finally understand what you're talking about. It's kind of addicting." It was so addicting that Pamela Smith, the student, at the advice of one of her professors, began to publish during law school to further her desire to teach. She published not one, but two comments during her second year, tripling her work load. "I found that the more I wrote, the easier it became," she added humbly.

Professor Smith selected Boston College Law School over her second choice for the same reasons many students choose B.C.L.S. "When it came down to it, B.C. was the better decision and the better school. It's more prestigious, and the faculty was very supportive.

"When you start looking at schools individually, some of them aren't as attractive talking to the people in person versus how they look on paper. I got a taste that the students here were more involved in selecting people they thought would be good faculty members. My presentation [to faculty] didn't feel like I was giving it to strangers; it was like I was giving a friendly talk. In fact, B.C. did a lot of things that were different [from other schools]. The students pass their culture to the next generation of students and I think that's what differentiates B.C."

Professor Smith was also attracted to B.C.L.S. because of the opportunity to

teach first-year students in addition to intellectual property. (She currently teaches one section of property and will be teaching a course in computer/high technology law in the spring).

To come to B.C.L.S., Pamela Smith packed her bags and moved across the country, even leaving a boyfriend behind in Dallas. But, it all seems worth it. "Teaching is wonderful," she said, "I will not only have the opportunity to teach the next generation of attorneys which is great, but I'll also have the opportunity to write and publish."

And three weeks in? "So far, so good," she said, "my students are wonderful. Fundamentals really let them decrease their anxiety so that when they finally have their first class they are ready to learn."

And what can her unknowing students expect? "I think that my students are going to be ready for their midterm exams in December," she said, "I don't want them to have any surprises; they'll know exactly what

I'm looking for: reasoned analysis and application of the cases that we covered to the fact pattern." (Don't worry, it's going to be open book).

Like her first-year students, Professor Smith has had her own adjustment problems moving from Dallas to Belmont. "I'm not used to how the streets are laid out," she said, referring to how she drove around Beacon Street for hours one day trying to find a side street. "I remember my first day. They were getting my computer up and running and showing me how things worked, and I was just thinking, 'O.K., how do I get back home?'"

Professor Smith's sense of humor has enabled her to make friends in her new environment easily, despite the limited time she has with her busy schedule. "I'm mostly getting to know the individual faculty members," she said, "I went out to dinner with Professor Farley and Professor Bilder, and other people here are providing me with a lot of information about this environment."

I am sure that once Professor Smith moves in, and people find her office, they will find out what a pleasure she is to talk to. She has a perfect mix of intelligence, humor and youth, a mere 33 years old.

"Each year I've learned something. Each year has been difficult and challenging. I feel I'm growing so I look forward to the next year—not for the trials and tribulations, but the growth."

Hopefully, Professor Smith will share not only her humor and intelligence with the B.C.L.S. community, but also her growth, for years to come. If you can find her office.

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ATLA Convention coming to Boston

Great opportunity for students to learn practical skills, network

By Brian E. Falvey
Editor-in-Chief

Want to learn how to litigate? Want to fight tort reform? Want to meet attorneys from all over the United States? If you share any or all of these desires, then the Association of Trial Lawyers of America may be perfect for you.

This summer, I had the opportunity to go to the ATLA Annual Convention in New York City. For five straight days, I attended invaluable seminars, with thousands of attorneys, on such subjects as how to give opening and closing arguments, take and defend depositions, examine and cross-examine witnesses, and theme and strategize cases. During my first year of law school, I learned none of these skills, and, as an aspiring litigator, I was left feeling a little empty. I easily learned more about being a lawyer, versus the law, in one week at this convention than during one full year of law school. Naturally, law school is just that: law school. It is not lawyer school. Fortunately, I was able to attend an exciting mini-lawyer school at the ATLA convention this summer to make up for that deficiency.

While at the convention, I also attended lectures on fighting tort reform, including a fiery speech delivered by United States Senator Ted Kennedy (D, MA) who spoke of the importance of preserving consumer rights. In addition, there were numerous programs intended specifically for law students, such as seminars on doing legal research specifically for trial preparation and lectures about job-search strategy and techniques.

ATLA makes special arrangements to help law students get the most out their convention experience, including a mentor program pairing students up with experienced attorneys who answer questions, help them make contacts, and guide them through key meetings and programs. My

mentor and I even spent an afternoon in a New York courtroom where he critiqued everything the attorneys did – from their language, tone and substance, to their body language, attitude and even clothing. He also put me in contact with a Massachusetts attorney with whom I have established a great relationship simply because we are both ATLA members. It is widely known that it is who you know, not just what you know.

And of course, no convention of any type would be complete without its share of social events. Almost every night, I attended balls, dances, parties, or other functions, all free of charge because I am a law student. Some of these events had ticket prices of over \$100 per person. ATLA really understands and cares about student needs; after all, student members represent the future of the organization.

The best news is that all of this is

coming to Boston next year. ATLA student members attend the convention for a registration fee of only \$35, which is incredible compared to the normal member cost in excess of \$500. It will be an incredible opportunity for students to network with thousands of potential employers from many different trial law fields including products liability, medical malpractice, discrimination, civil rights, insurance defense, and criminal practice. There really is something there for everybody.

When I returned this fall, I started an ATLA chapter here at Boston College Law School so that students may join ATLA and take advantage of the great opportunity coming this summer. There are no dues for the student chapter, but, there are national law student membership annual dues of \$25. Membership includes, among other things, a subscription to the monthly ATLA

magazine, *Trial*. ATLA also offers scholarships to law student members, and has its own national mock trial competition, called the Student Trial Advocacy Competition. In addition, ATLA members are so strongly united that experienced attorneys will gladly come speak to students at ATLA chapter programs absent any compensation; hence, no dues are needed to operate a successful student chapter at Boston College Law School.

After having such a great experience at the annual convention last summer, I was determined to make ATLA known to Boston College Law School students so that they may share in this great opportunity next summer. I encourage students to consider the benefits of membership, and to consider applying. When thousands of attorneys from all over the United States descend on Boston, you will wish you were a member.

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First year important lessons A traveler's compass for the road to success

By Laurie Doyle, 2L
Alledger Staff

When I look back on my first year of law school, I see success not in my G.P.A. but in the many important lessons I learned.

1) Productive studying is difficult in the snack bar: I tried to study in the snack bar – the tiled columns, blue and grey decor, and numerous windows were pleasing to me. However, the opportunities for gossip, free donut holes at the bar review table, and ever-present stamp machine were too much for my already sagging attention span. For serious studying, I recommend the middle stall of the third floor bathroom (women's), or, I guess you could go to the library.

2) It takes time to do cites: The day before OMII was due I decided to do the cites. Now the T.A. had warned my class that the cites take a long time. I even wrote that warning down in my notebook. As I casually flipped through my special LRR&W notebook at 9:00 p.m. (after playing my fifth game of Tetris), I noted the warning. By the time the sun rose and cast its faint glow over my pile of cases, handouts, empty box of Vivarin, and bits of Bluebook, I had given up on using original introductory signals – just "See id." it. I guess the T.A. was right – it takes time to do cites.

3) Sometimes there are cinnamon raisin bagels at the bottom of the bagel

There is something demeaning about standing at the Shuttle Stop with a group of freshmen as fellow law students zip by in their cars (some are even kind enough to beep and wave). I tried to pretend that my car was just in the shop, but by December I think people knew the situation: I was Shuttle dependent.

bin: I've seen their disappointed faces many times – students who open the bagel bin in the cafeteria only to find plain or some sort of vegetable/sesame bagel. They walk away not knowing that a cinnamon raisin bagel may rest beneath the mountain of unwanted bagels. But I am not afraid of the task at hand (covered with wax paper, of course). Oh sure, people may stare, but when I surface with

a cinnamon raisin bagel, they want to burst into applause – I can tell.

4) Playing softball can be painful: I decided to play intramural softball last fall because my friends were doing it – like lemmings running off a cliff. Things were fine until my team wanted a pitcher for batting practice – they just nailed the last one with a shot to the knee. This would be no problem. After all, I pitched a little about five years ago. I can still see that line drive headed for my leg, but that old reaction time just wasn't what it used to be. From a distance, it probably looked like I didn't even try to get out of the way, yet I know my leg was just about ready to make its move. Anyway, the bruise faded by St. Patrick's Day, but I think I'll play scorekeeper this year.

5) Standing at the BC Shuttle Stop can be humiliating: There is something demeaning about standing at the Shuttle Stop with a group of freshmen as fellow law students zip by in their cars (some are even kind enough to beep and wave). I tried to pretend that my car was just in the shop, but by December I think people knew the situation: I was Shuttle dependent. Sure, every now and then someone would offer to give me a ride home. Those moments, however, were few and far between. For the most part, I hung out with the freshmen, gathering their thoughts on tort reform and diversity jurisdiction. As you can tell, I learned some very valuable lessons during my first year here at BC Law. I can't wait to see what this year holds.

Interviewing tips from one of the

By Christian Aviza, 2L
Associate Editor

As the fall interview schedule comes into full bloom, I want to share some tips with you. Many of us are concerned that we are just another student in a crowd of applicants. Therefore, even with exceptional qualifications, like a high GPA, we have to do things to separate ourselves from the crowd. I was in New York City when I saw an interviewee taking advantage of the factors involved in the interview process. Dressed in a striking red dress, a woman left an indelible mark that would distinguish her from the crowd. Realizing that at the end of the day no interviewer could forget her, she used a tactic that could be used by others.

The first way to show devotion to a firm is a quick tattoo on a visible location. If time permits, you can put the interviewer's name on your arm. Another opportunity that often goes unused by an amateur interviewer is to send subliminal messages. You ideally want to have 3-5 points that should be transmitted during the interview. Therefore, when you are an interviewee with your legs crossed, there is a highly visible message: the bottom of your shoe. For instance, say you have a lot of initiative and ingenuity, just jot the words down on your sole while you have time to answer and ask questions.

Remember the goal of the interview is to distinguish yourself from the crowd. This can be achieved in your responses as well as in your questions. Firms will ask typical questions and I want to suggest responses that will stand out.

- Q. "What are your strengths?"
A. "Winning sexual harassment suits against former employers."
- Q. "What is your greatest weakness?"
A. "You! Especially in that suit/outfit."
- Q. "Why did you choose the law as your career?"
A. "I heard you make great money."
- Q. "So, what led you to pick our firm?"
A. "The arrows on the resume drop box were pointing the way."
- Q. "What do you think of the city our firm is located in?"
A. "Which city is that? Could you give me a hint? I've had so many moves, I can't remember."
- Q. "Describe an ethical dilemma and how you resolved it?"
A. "My client wanted to lie under oath so I advised him not to go to trial, but I went to jury instead."
- Q. "Tell me about this job listed on your resume."
A. "That was actually a friend of mine, but it looked great on my resume."
- Q. "So, you didn't make law review?"
A. "Who told you that? That's a blatant lie; I was there even though I'm proud of it!"
- Q. "Where do you see yourself in five years?"
A. "I've always been interested in the circus."

When the time comes in an interview and it is your turn to ask questions, keep these in mind:

- "How much do you reimburse for therapy sessions?"
"Does anyone notice if you cut out early on Friday's?"
"Is that your real hair or is that a rug?"
"You have such lovely blonde hair, why do you dye your hair?"
"Does your firm own any luxury boxes?"
"How 'strict' is your drug-testing?"
"Does your phone system have 900 number access?"

This article has been written in order to give those of you who are interviewing a put you one up over the competition. I'm sorry I couldn't give you an interview in a few minutes and wanted to sneak a few more words in. Good-luck!

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Top 10 weakest gripes...and responses

Compiled in the Snack Bar

10. "I always have to park so far away."
• Walk. You need the exercise.
9. "LR&W professors don't do any work."
• You read 30 stacks of garbage and try to decipher an A from a C.
8. "The mail box area is so small."
• If you didn't carry the whole bookstore on your back, I bet it would get a lot wider.
7. "I can't believe they charge for butter."
• Buy some clothes with bigger pockets.
6. "They have to card me every single time I get a drink at Bar Review."
• Maybe if you looked old enough to drive they wouldn't, besides it's Free!
5. "The food in the cafeteria is so expensive."
• You probably complain your mother doesn't change your diapers. Make your own lunch!
4. "I haven't had an 8:30 class since my freshman year of college."
• You haven't had a date since then either,
3. "There are no good looking guys/girls in our class."
• Take a look in the mirror and remember: If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem.
2. "Career services is so useless."
• Hey, they're not miracle workers, pal. Maybe you should have studied more.
1. "Our national ranking is so low."
• Be thankful. If it was higher, you probably wouldn't be here.

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SPORTS

An insider's path to a career in sports law

By Brian E. Falvey
Editor-in-Chief

Going back to school can be tough for anyone. Going back to law school can be even harder. But when Mike Liut decided to go back to law school, it was a culture shock. "When I started I was overwhelmed. When I opened the first LSAT book it was the first book I had opened in 16 years."

For those of you unfamiliar with his name, Mike Liut was a National Hockey League goaltender for more than 15 years. In fact he was one of the greatest goaltenders to play the game. Like many athletes, his career was cut "short" due to an injury, and he found himself looking for another career. "I ruptured a disc in my back at age 36 and decided it wasn't worth playing anymore. So, I retired and decided it would be in my best interest to learn another skill or two."

Liut wanted to jump to the other side of the figurative professional sports fence, and chose law school as a starting point. "During the 10-day strike of [my last year], Goodenow asked me what my plans were and said, 'You ought to go to law school.' I knew the hockey side, but I wanted to know the legal side." Liut took a job with the National Hockey League Players' Association (NHLPA) as a liaison to players while at the Detroit School of Law, and has worked hard at his dual career. He admits, however, "law school has been my primary objective."

Liut's job for the NHLPA is unique. He acts as a consultant/advisor communicating with the players about their individual issues and grievances, and most importantly, how the new NHL collective bargaining agreement will affect each player individually. "It's different from being an agent because you're representing an entity: the 700 players in the NHLPA, both as a group and individually. In my role, it's imperative that you remember how decisions affect the individual player." He is basically the sounding board for players who are unhappy — which many athletes seem to be in professional sports these days.

To be effective on the management/labor side of the fence, Liut felt he needed a legal education. "I understood the game itself, but I wanted to know

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Softball opener dampened

Dry humor pervades team names, no shows a no-no

By David A. Charapp, 2L
Sports Editor

The LSA intramural softball league officially began Sunday, September 17. However, the first game of the 1995 season was rained out and will have to be made up. Consequently, the first real games got underway the following Tuesday evening. Softball Co-commissioners Matt Shea and David Charapp have put in arduously long hours over the offseason to ensure that this year's season will be just as successful as ones gone by.

There are 13 teams in this year's softball league with a variety of creative names. One 1L team came up with an especially good one, "Lacking Briefs," while another 1L team decided on an especially bad one,

"Milli Vanilli." Some other names include "Strawberry Socials," named after a Platerism, "The Freaks", named after something I'm not quite aware of, and "Isotopes," creatively named after Springfield's local baseball team in the "Simpson's." However, the prize goes to "Cocoon of Horror," named after one of Peter "86 second" McNeely's tirades.

The softball league is always a great way to start off the new school year for all law students, but it is an especially valuable experience for 1Ls. Playing softball provides an excellent opportunity for all these new students to meet each other, as well as 2Ls and 3Ls, in a friendly atmosphere outside of the halls of 885 Centre Street.

The league has instituted new rules

this year to help create a more friendly and desirable environment. First, there are stringent rules against no-shows. Many players complained last year about teams not showing up, and games having to be canceled at the last minute. "It was especially frustrating when we got ourselves out of bed to play at 9 or 10 in the morning only to find out that the other team wasn't going to show up," a visibly aggravated Matt Shea remarked. The other major change was the removal of umpires from the game. Although this change has yet to be tested under actual game pressure, it is likely that all disputes can be handled diplomatically and fairly on the field.

Anyone still interested in playing, drop a note in David Charapp or Matt Shea's mailbox to get placed on a team.

Wolverines devour Eagles

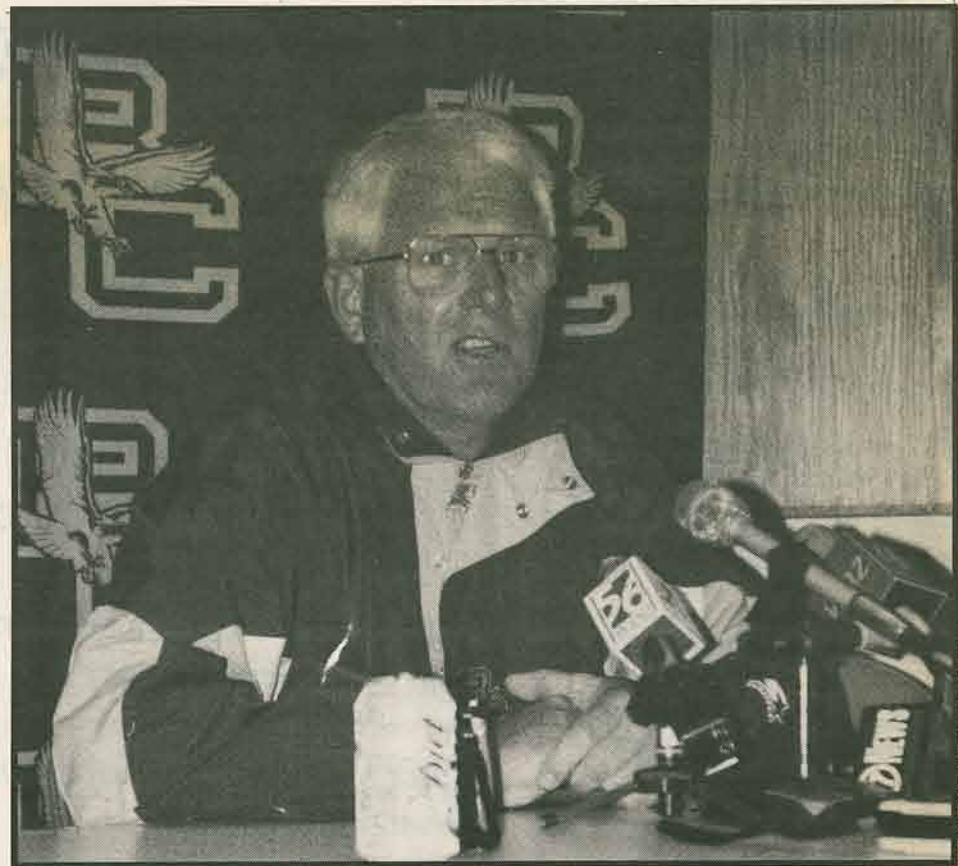
Henning preparing for tilt with Michigan State

By Brian E. Falvey
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"Well, we're not going to the Rose Bowl." That was how head coach Dan Henning led off his press conference after a disturbing 23-13 loss on national television to the Wolverines of the University of Michigan. Coach Henning is certainly right, in fact, he understated the problem, but the Eagles have a legitimate shot at a major bowl despite their 1-2 record. All the Eagles have to do is win the Big East and they go to a major bowl. "What about Miami?" you say. Chances are, and everyone in the Big East is banking on it, that Miami will be suspended this year from post-season bowl play, which would leave the Big East wide open.

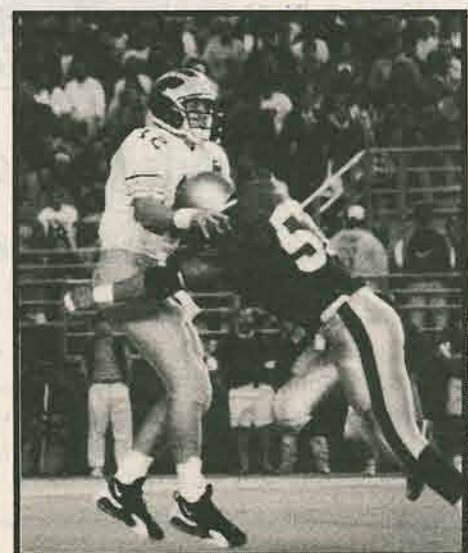
However, if the Eagles play like they did against Michigan — giving up big third-down conversions at critical points in the game when they had Michigan pinned deep in Wolverine territory — the Eagles will not even contend for the Big East title. In the Saturday evening horror show, quarterback Mark Hartsell looked like a nervous kid instead of the poised quarterback he has been in the past. "Roger Clemens has bad nights; Tim Wakefield has bad nights; Mark Hartsell had a bad night tonight," said Henning, not meaning to equate Hartsell with such superstars, but to let us know he will bounce back like they do. Hartsell reiterated his coach's comments. "I just never got into a rhythm tonight."

Hopefully, all it takes is a little "rhythm" to correct 8 for 20 passing with 3 interceptions and no touchdowns, coupled with 5 sacks, some of which should have been, or at least could have been, avoided. It will take a much better performance from Hartsell, and the defense — which allowed Wolverine runningback Tim Biakabataka to single-handedly run for more yardage than all of BC's backs combined (117 to 96 yards; 52 yards including Hartsell's -39 yards in sacks) — to beat Michigan State tomorrow at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing. The game will be televised on ABC and is certainly worth watching. Boston



Eagles Coach Dan Henning explains away another non-conference loss.

College has had two weeks to prepare for the Spartans' powerful offense returning its top rusher, passer and receiver from last year, including quarterback Tony Banks



Matt Hass pounds QB Scott Dreisbach in the Eagles' 23-13 loss to Michigan.

who threw for over 2,000 yards. If BC can get its offense on track, this could be a shootout, and is the Eagles' last chance to gain some respect from the Big Ten this year, (BC is already 0-2 against the Big Ten: Ohio State, Michigan).

The Eagles really need a win against Michigan State to positively launch them into two straight home Big East Conference games against Pittsburgh and West Virginia. Pittsburgh is rebuilding from a string of losing seasons and would like nothing better than to ruin the Eagles' Big East hopes, by beating them in Chestnut Hill. West Virginia has been the Eagles' nemesis the last two seasons and could very well be again this year. Both games are at noon in the first two Saturday's in October.

Hopefully, the only thing on the Eagles' collective mind is the Spartans. Like coach Henning always says, "We take this thing one week at a time." This week, its Michigan State.

REVIEW

Tasca: exotic food at regular prices

Spanish ambience, 'little dishes of Spain' located on Comm. Ave.

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The Allston/Brighton area is renowned in international food circles for being at the heart of the Boston ethnic dining scene. In a neighborhood where Vietnamese restaurants nestle pleasantly between Haitian and Russian eateries, the gourmand may often feel spoiled — not to mention overwhelmed. So when we heard that there was a new tapas joint in town, it was with some trepidation that we decided to give it a try. We were pleasantly surprised.

Tasca's white stucco walls and hanging wine bottles give the place a pleasant, yet subtle, Spanish hacienda feel. Though there were no other diners at Tasca at the beginning of our meal, the room still felt lively, due, in large part, to the Gypsy Kings disc on the sound system. As the meal progressed, the room filled up with couples speaking in hushed tones, groups laughing heartily and swilling glasses of red wine, and bearded intellectuals plotting the revolution. We found ourselves transported to an exotic, faraway land...

Tasca specializes in tapas, which the



Tasca's brick facade is a poor indicator of the ambience within.

menu translates as the "little dishes of Spain." Three to five of these "little dishes", which run from \$2.75-\$4.75, make a meal. Additionally, the kitchen offers a varied assortment of traditional Spanish/Mediterranean entrees, which range from \$8.95 to \$13.95. Though our server lacked the finesse of a seasoned professional, she knew the menu and made fine recommendations. As a general rule, we found the tapas hit or miss, and the entrees more consistently appealing. Tasca's wine list features a number of inexpensive selections, with an emphasis

on Spanish vintages. The \$11 house red that we sampled was excellent.

The Tapas: Traditional Tapas fans may be disappointed by these tamer Americanized versions, but most diners will be satisfied with the range and variety of the samplings. The Chevre al Homo (\$3.75), goat cheese on slices of tomato, broiled with olive oil and basil, was excellent in its simplicity. The Terrina (\$3.95), a country liverpate served with red current sauce, was tasty but a little lean, giving it a coarse texture. We also enjoyed the Patatas con Romesco (\$3.00), roasted potatoes in a spicy

garlic sauce, though it suffered from under-seasoning. This lack of seasoning was the root of our criticism of the several Tapas with which we were less impressed. The Tortilla (\$2.95), a Spanish version of quiche, and the Crepe de Champignons (\$3.95), mushroom crepes, were both attractively presented but conspicuously lacked salt and pepper in their preparation.

The Entrees: While we had mixed feelings about the Tapas, we were very impressed with the entrees we sampled. The Paella con Mariscos (\$12.75) was a balanced, rich, and flavorful version of the Spanish classic. The chicken and chorizo perfectly complimented the tender and savory Spanish rice. If you're a fan of saffron, you'll love this dish as it is loaded with the expensive seasoning. This is a dish that we look forward to sampling again. While the Paella was good, the hands down favorite of the evening was the Mediterranean Fish Soup. This stew consisted of shrimp, squid, and mussels all bathed in a hearty tomato-based broth with more than a little hot pepper thrown in for kick. At \$8.95 you will not find a better buy in the city. This dish deserves high praise and it is worth a trip to Tasca just to sample this delight.

Tasca is a welcome newcomer to the dynamic Allston/Brighton scene. With its moderate pricing, lively atmosphere and tasty fare, this restaurant is destined to become a BCLS favorite.

Wilkerson on financial aid: 'There's not enough to go around'

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stalled for years in the Senate, to finally become Massachusetts law. Wilkerson stated that politics "is a dirty business," and evidence of that can be seen at the national level, where certain issues, including federal student aid, are hot topics of debate. "The Democrats have done a good job of blaming the Republicans for the proposed budget cuts," Wilkerson said,

"but it does not look good for the future of federal student aid." Wilkerson fears that the high cost of education and lack of federal aid will deter people from entering public service. She also stated that if the proposed cuts in student aid go through, there is little the states can do for private institutions like Boston College. "The state legislatures have an obligation to state schools. The state will not really be in a position to help. There simply is not enough

money to go around." However, Wilkerson stated that students should not underestimate the power of phone calls or letters to their Congressman. Wilkerson's career has been marked by a willingness to fight for what she believes in, and students can fight, right now, the attempts to cut federal aid to graduate students. (Students can

call 1-800-574-4AID and be connected to their local Congressman. Students can also write House Committee Chairs Howard McKeon of California and William Goodling of Pennsylvania. The letters should be addressed as: The Honorable (name), U.S. House of Representatives, Washington D.C. 20515.)

Alcohol policy: costly, hassle

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as law students, they're aware of the liability problems." It is liability that is the impetus behind this drive for compliance. In addition to the standard risk associated with serving alcohol, the Law School is in the somewhat unique situation of sharing facilities with the approximately 800 undergraduate students living on the Newton campus. One B.C. official labeled the situation as a liability "nightmare" and noted surprise that compliance was this long in coming.

Although more strict regulation of alcohol-serving functions may not logically entail higher prices, no one interviewed expressed optimism concerning cost. According to the policy, organizers missing the 12 business day deadline will automatically pay a 20% surcharge on their alcoholic goods. Moreover, B.C. officials interviewed implied that the storage and handling expenses incurred by Dining Services would be passed on to the function organizers.

Most, if not all, aspects of the Law School's compliance directly affect those who organize functions. Thus, there remain questions if student consumers will feel effects beyond their involvement with student groups.

"I have not been told of future restrictions," reported DiLuna. For those students whose alcohol involvement with B.C. Law amounts to a cold beer on a Friday at the Bar Review, the Law School's compliance with University policy may not amount to a large difference. DiLuna indicated that the Bar Review would proceed as it has in the past, after noting that the function underwent change 2 years ago, when a requirement for more food at the event was implemented.

For those students or groups that plan on organizing alcohol related functions, Dean DiLuna advises early contact with her assistant, Lisa Bryant. Bryant will help facilitate problems that may be encountered by organizers unfamiliar with the policy.

Legal training key to breaking through as a sports agent

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about the lawyer side. I think you have more value with the basis of legal training." Although many people in the sports law field are not lawyers, it seems increasingly necessary to be one to enter it. However, Liut disagrees with the notion of sports law being its own area of the law. "Sports law is a misnomer; it's like calling a steel mill 'steel law,'" he said, "in sports law, lawyering is reduced to contract negotiation." For that reason, most sports attorneys also practice other types of law. "Many people just fall into it and do player representation on the side," said Liut. Plus, the business is highly networked and extremely difficult to break into on your own. "You can't just open up an office and call yourself a sports or entertainment firm," said Liut. You have to have an "in."

Steve Freyer, who is a sports agent for players like Ray Bourque and Claude Lemieux, but is not a lawyer, reiterated what Liut had to say. "You don't need to be a lawyer, but many agents nowadays are," he said, "when I started out there were about 30 good agents in the National Hockey League; today there are more agents than players." A law degree is something that differentiates agents, and is probably the boost you need to maintain an edge on new agents that are non-lawyers. Even Mike Liut, who has the edge of being a retired star felt he needed a legal education to be effective. "When you transfer your name from hockey to your career, it only lasts for so long," he said.

A career as a sports agent is exciting, perhaps glamorous, but it is difficult to begin and cultivate. For aspiring agents, going to law school appears to be the first step in the right direction. Ask Mike Liut.

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